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GLASSES, SUNGLASS FRAMES AND OPHTHALMIC SPECTACLE
FRAMES IMPORTS TO CONTINUE

REF 75 CANBERRA 1917

1. ON JANUARY 14, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE,
SENATOR COTTON, ANNOUNCED THAT QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS
INITIALLY IMPOSED FOR ONE YEAR COMMENDING MARCH 1, 1975
WOULD CONTINUE PENDING RECEIPT OF INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE
COMMISSION REPORT ON NEED FOR LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE.

2. AS RECOMMENDED BY TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY IN
ITS REPORT ON NEED FOR SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE AND REPORTED
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REFTEL, IMPORTERS' INDIVIDUAL QUOTAS FOR SECOND YEAR,

COMMENCING MARCH 1, 1976, WILL BE INCREASED BY 7 PCT.
IN EFFECT, THIS MEANS THAT TOTAL QUOTAS FOR SECOND YEAR
WILL BE 1,391,000 FRAMES AND 1,936,000 SUNGLASSES. IN
ADDITION, A FURTHER 175,000 FRAMES WILL BE PERMITTED
ENTRY TO COMPENSATE FIRMS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED
FROM A MAJOR LOCAL MANUFACTURER (POLARIZERS PTY. LTD)
WHO HAS NOW CEASED PRODUCTION. THIS ADDITIONAL
ALLOWANCE, HOWEVER, WOULD BE RESERVED ONLY FOR FIRMS
WHO HAD PURCHASED FROM POLARIZERS DURING FY74.

3. MINISTER SAID HE WAS SEEKING ADVICE FROM IAC AS
TO WHEN ITS REPORT ON LONG-TERM PROTECTION WOULD BE
FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, IT
WAS EXPECTED "BEFORE LONG".
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